

Guiding Criteria for Designated Encampment Sites



Ability to Provide Basic Services: Ability to provide and maintain basic services such as portable toilets and regular servicing, garbage collection, potable water access, and outreach support.



Accessibility Considerations: A minimum of two sites should reasonably support accessibility considerations such as the presence of gravel or paved surfaces, recognizing that full accessibility may not be achievable in all locations.



Compatibility with Current Use: Exclusion of spaces with regular permitted, programmed, or revenue-generating uses, including parks with active City-led or contracted programming.



Distance to Services: Reasonable walking distance (approximately 1.5 km or less) to public transportation or essential health and social services.



Emergency and Service Access: Adequate access for emergency responders, sanitation and garbage services, outreach vehicles, and snow clearing operations.



Past Encampment Activity: Preference for locations with encampment activity to avoid introducing encampments into new areas.



Site Size: Ideally, at least one usable acre to allow for appropriate spacing, safety requirements, and access for services and emergency response.



Year-round operability: Sites should be capable of operating safely in all seasons, including winter conditions.